

Mutt Sees President Taft, But Has Nothing On Jeff

By "Bud" Fisher



Naughton Discusses the Heavyweight Prizefighters By W. W. Naughton

San Francisco, August 6.—They are still talking about the heavy-weight fust up in the sagebrush country, and from present appearances there will be nothing to supplant it as a pugilistic theme for some time to come.

With Jeffries engaged in piscatorial pursuits and preserving a silence that is absolutely as golden as Jack Johnson's world famous gilded giggle, the champion is the man that gossips have to do with.

It is interesting to note the range of the opinions expressed in regard to Johnson's fighting talent. Some of the best judges—or at any rate those who by experience in the ring and out of it should be the best equipped to judge such things—will have it that Jack is an accident.

One past champion has said that Johnson don't know how to lead, and that he wouldn't have as much chance as a bubble in a stroke hole if he had happened along during former championship disputes.

Foolish Line of Talk.
Vain talk this. In this connection the writer would say in reply to the question "would Johnson have beaten so-and-so when so-and-so was at his best?" That there is no means of telling. It is very foolish to pursue any line of argument that cannot be settled by a bet. If a person were required to hold the stakes until it could be determined whether the present Jack Johnson could have licked John L. Sullivan of 1885, he might in all safety regard the funds in hand as his own personal property.

You can't bridge the years in that way. You can't compare fighters of different generations and arrive at a sane conclusion, and the best you can say for Johnson or any other champion is that he is the best of his era.

Another thing. The supremacy of the race in the pugilistic line was not definitely determined at Reno. The result was only a temporary triumph for the negro. If a black horse wins the futurity year, it doesn't mean that black yearlings will be the safest investment of the next big sale. A bay or a gray may be the champion three-year-old of the following season.

Johnson's Lead.
As to Johnson's fighting. He may not be able to lead as some of the servants claim and he may not compare point to point with other world-beaters that have strutted for a brief time as champions, but he is a pugilistic wonder just the same. He is a natural fighter if there ever was one. Just think of all the professors of flatstick who were coaching Jeffries as to how to dodge the famous right uppercut. Yet

the right scarcely figured in the result. It was a left uppercut that Johnson worried and weakened and wore down Jeffries with.

And how about the prophecy that if Jeffries ever got close enough to the tantalizing negro, there would be short shift for the hope of the black race. Why, it was Johnson who courted close milling and it was Johnson who scored 99 per cent of the credits while battling breast to breast.

Another Big Match.
Will there be another big match and if so, when?

That is a hard one! There may be a Jack Johnson-Tommy Burns contest in England or Australia, or there may be a Johnson-Langford fight at some point in this country where the bars are still down.

Johnson, by the way, is in no hurry for the test with Langford, something which is passing strange. So far Langford has not shown anything which would suggest that he has it in him to tame Johnson's stubborn pride, yet it is as plain as the nose on your face that Johnson is dodging the other negro.

If it is not so, why is he always willing to back some other fighter against Langford? Why does he keep insisting on high stakes in the belief that Langford will not be able to command the sinews of war? In every match that Johnson has engaged in up to the present there was no mistaking his earnestness of purpose. He never threw a stumbling block in the way of any contest he was asked to become a party to, but on the contrary, made concessions so as to lessen the troubles of the promoters. In the case of Langford, however, I cannot point to a single act on Johnson's part which can be regarded as evidence that he is willing to decide which is the better man.

It isn't exactly inexplicable at that, for there never was a fighter yet who did not keep in view one man that he feared and respected more than all the others. Sam Langford seems to be Jack Johnson's bugaboo.

AMATEUR BALL GAME AT PARK ON SUNDAY
Saturday afternoon the Red Sox will play the Duranicos off the baseball field at Washington park. The two teams will line up as follows: Red Sox—Biesch, ss; Kiefer, 1b; Lane, cf; Grady, 2b; O'Brien, 3b; Downing, cf; Colquitt, lf; Lunsford, rf; Armstrong, p. Duranicos—Tallo, c; Garcia, 1b; Valensuela, 2b; Cano, 2b; Caro, ss; Rios, lf; Dominguez, cf; Mesa, rf; Chito, p.

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STATISTICAL BALL DOPE By Art Woods.

WHERE THEY PLAY SUNDAY.

No games.

National.
American.
Washington at Chicago.
Philadelphia at St. Louis.
New York at Detroit.

Texas.
San Antonio at Fort Worth.
Houston at Dallas.
Waco at Shreveport.
Galveston at Oklahoma City.

Cactus.
El Paso at El Paso.
Douglas at Bisbee.
Morenci at Cananea.

HOW THEY STAND.
National.

Team	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	92	62	31	.667
Pittsburgh	91	52	39	.570
New York	92	52	39	.570
Philadelphia	93	46	47	.495
Cincinnati	95	47	48	.495
Brooklyn	94	40	54	.426
St. Louis	95	39	56	.411
Boston	98	26	72	.367

American.

Team	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	94	63	31	.670
Boston	97	59	38	.608
New York	95	55	40	.579
Detroit	97	54	43	.557
Cleveland	92	43	49	.467
Washington	96	37	59	.386
Chicago	94	37	57	.394
St. Louis	91	28	63	.308

Texas.

Team	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Dallas	108	62	46	.573
Fort Worth	105	61	44	.581
Houston	109	59	50	.541
San Antonio	107	57	50	.532
Shreveport	110	56	54	.509
Galveston	107	53	54	.495
Oklahoma City	103	48	55	.466
Waco	104	28	76	.269

Cactus.

Team	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Douglas	32	19	13	.594
Bisbee	30	16	14	.533
Cananea	30	15	15	.500
Morenci	25	12	13	.480
El Paso	28	13	15	.464
Cananea	25	10	15	.400

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Big League Baseball

Friday's Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Boston (first game)—R. H. E.
Cincinnati . . . 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—5 6 4
Boston . . . 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—3 6 2
Batteries—Cincinnati, Beebe and Clark; Boston, Curtis, Brown and Graham.
Umpires—Rigler and Emslie.
At Boston (second game)—R. H. E.
Cincinnati . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 2 2
Boston . . . 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 x—4 13 0
Batteries—Cincinnati, Gaspar and Clarke; Boston, Matten and Smith.
Umpires—Rigler and Emslie.

At Brooklyn (first game)—R. H. E.
St. Louis . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 5 2
Brooklyn . . . 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 x—3 9 0
Batteries—St. Louis, Willis and Phelps; Brooklyn, Rucker and Bergan.
Umpires—Johnstone and Eason.
At Brooklyn (second game)—R. H. E.
St. Louis . . . 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1 6 0
Brooklyn . . . 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 x—9 9 0
Batteries—St. Louis, Harmon and Phelps; Brooklyn, Bell and Erwin.
Umpires—Eason and Johnstone.

At New York—R. H. E.
Chicago . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—1 6 0
New York . . . 0 2 0 0 8 0 0 0 x—10 12 1
Batteries—Chicago, Kroh and Kilgus; New York, Mathewson and Meyers.
Umpires—Klem and Kane.

At Philadelphia—R. H. E.
Pittsburgh . . . 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1 6 0
Philadelphia . . . 0 0 0 2 1 2 1 0 x—15 0 0
Batteries—Pittsburgh, Camnitz and Gibson; Philadelphia, Moore and Dooin.
Umpires—O'Day and Brennan.

TEXAS LEAGUE.

At Fort Worth—R. H. E.
San Antonio . . . 0 0 2 0 . . . 0 2 0
Fort Worth . . . 1 2 1 . . . 1 2 1
Batteries—San Antonio, Ballard and Thackara; Fort Worth, Lattimore and Green. Umpires—Settley and Sigler.

At Dallas—R. H. E.
Houston . . . 0 0 3 1 . . . 0 3 1
Dallas . . . 1 8 2 . . . 1 8 2
Batteries—Houston, Eubank and Burch; Dallas, Dele and Onslow. Umpire—Matthews. (11 innings.)

At Shreveport—R. H. E.
Waco . . . 0 5 0 . . . 0 5 0
Shreveport . . . 1 9 2 . . . 1 9 2
Batteries—Waco, Ogles and Francis; Shreveport, Ashton and Henninger. Umpire—Jeffries.

At Oklahoma City—No game on account of rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Cleveland (first game)—R. H. E.
Boston . . . 3 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—7 15 2
Cleveland . . . 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0—3 11 3
Batteries—Boston, Hall and Carrigan; Cleveland, Harkness, Linke and Bemis.
Umpires—Kerla and Connolly.
At Cleveland (second game)—R. H. E.
Boston . . . 2 0 4 0 0 0 1 1 0—8 14 3
Cleveland . . . 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—3 7 2
Batteries—Boston, Smith and Carrigan; Cleveland, Koester and Easterly.
Umpires—Connolly and Kerla.

At Detroit—R. H. E.
New York . . . 3 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 0—6 8 2
Detroit . . . 0 1 0 8 0 0 0 0 x—9 11 4
Batteries—New York, Ford and Mitchell; Detroit, Donovan and Schmidt.
Umpires—O'Loughlin and Egan.

At Chicago—R. H. E.
Washington . . . 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—2 5 2
Chicago . . . 0 1 0 2 0 1 1 0 x—5 6 1
Batteries—Washington, Gray and Henry; Chicago, White and Payne.
Umpires—Pettine and Dineen.

At St. Louis—R. H. E.
Philadelphia . . . 1 0 1 0 7 0 0 0 0—9 9 1
St. Louis . . . 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—5 9 2
Batteries—Philadelphia, Plank and Thomas; St. Louis, Powell, Bailey, Stephens and Allen.
Umpires—Evans and Colliflower.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

At Wichita—R. H. E.
Des Moines . . . 4 11 2 . . . 4 11 2
Wichita . . . 0 1 0 8 0 0 0 0 x—9 9 2
Batteries—Mitchell, Herscher and Clemmons; Shaner and Shaw.

At Denver—1st game—R. H. E.
Sioux City . . . 7 12 2 . . . 7 12 2
Denver . . . 2 3 1 . . . 2 3 1
Batteries—O'Toole and Miller; Hagerman, Olmstead and McMurray.
Second game—R. H. E.
Sioux City . . . 8 8 1 . . . 8 8 1
Denver . . . 11 11 1 . . . 11 11 1
Batteries—Alderman, Freeman, Chabak and Towne; Schreiber and McMurray.

At St. Joseph—R. H. E.
Lincoln . . . 4 7 1 . . . 4 7 1
St. Joseph . . . 3 6 2 . . . 3 6 2
Batteries—Knapp and Clarke; Kaufman and Boles.
Second game—R. H. E.
Lincoln . . . 0 3 1 . . . 0 3 1
St. Joseph . . . 3 6 1 . . . 3 6 1
Batteries—Hagerman and Kruger; Johnson and Frames.

At Topeka—R. H. E.
Omaha . . . 4 8 2 . . . 4 8 2
Topeka . . . 5 14 3 . . . 5 14 3
Batteries—Mellor and Gonding; Barber, Jackson and Kerns.
Score—Omaha . . . 2 7 1
Topeka . . . 1 6 4
Batteries—Keely and Gonding; Wright and Kerns.

COAST LEAGUE.

At Los Angeles—R. H. E.
Los Angeles . . . 5 9 2 . . . 5 9 2
Vernon . . . 8 8 4 . . . 8 8 4
Batteries—Dehl, Criger and Smith, Orendorf, Schafer, Brackenridge, Willett and Hogan, Hasty. (10 innings.)

At San Francisco—R. H. E.
Portland . . . 3 4 0 . . . 3 4 0
Oakland . . . 1 3 3 . . . 1 3 3
Batteries—Gregg and Fisher; Moser and Mitze.

At Sacramento—R. H. E.
Sacramento . . . 4 12 2 . . . 4 12 2
San Francisco . . . 3 8 2 . . . 3 8 2
Batteries—Nourse and La Longe; Browning and Berry.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

At New Orleans—New Orleans-Montgomery, postponed; rain.
At Mobile—Mobile 1, Birmingham 2.
At Memphis—Memphis 4, Chattanooga 6.
At Nashville—Nashville 4, Atlanta 6.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

At Kansas City—Louisville 3, Kansas City 5.
At St. Paul—Columbus 1, St. Paul 3.
At Milwaukee—Indianapolis 2, Milwaukee 4.

SCOTT MAY PLAY WITH THE DOUGLAS TEAM.
Wants to Play During the El Paso Fair Tournament—White Sox Pitcher Played Here Last Year.

Douglas, Ark., Aug. 6.—The Douglas Baseball association will hold a meeting when manager Daniel A. O'Donovan will lay before the board of directors the question as to whether or not the club will accept the offer of "Jimmy" Scott, the White Sox pitcher now working for the Chicago Americans, who states that he would like to come to Douglas and join the Demos for the El Paso tournament of games during the fair week.

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An All Texas League To Go On Tour To Play Ball By H. H. Shelton

Some Big League Talk, Too.

First base—Gowdy, Dallas.
Second base—Miller, Oklahoma City.
Third base—Tullis, Waco.
Short Stop—Hill, Houston.
Left field—Downey, Oklahoma City.
Center field—Northern, Houston.
Right field—Jolley, Fort Worth.
Catcher—Noyes, Oklahoma City.
Pitchers—Hise, Galveston; McKay, Fort Worth; Shonts, Dallas; Burk and Rogers, San Antonio.
Utility man—Mowry, Houston.

The suggestions that an all Texas team under the management of Eli Kaphan of Galveston be taken to Cuba for a ten week tour has set the experts to picking a team of all-Texas players, provided the entire league could be selected from.

In the first place Kaphan would have no opportunity of being manager. That honor would certainly go to Hill of Houston. He is head and shoulders above any manager in Texas. With a crippled team all the year he has done more things than any other manager in the league. He may not win the pennant but it will not be due to lack of generalship. If Hill could not go Morris of Fort Worth would be second choice.

In selecting the players the first baseman would be the easiest of any of the players to select. Gowdy of Dallas would probably be the unanimous choice of fans who study the game and the men. While other men in the league are ahead of him in fielding percentage yet none of them has the best of him. For a ten week tour has set the experts to picking a team of all-Texas players, provided the entire league could be selected from.

Second basemen would present a more difficult problem. The league would have to be looked over carefully and many things weighed. All considered Miller of Oklahoma City would probably be chosen. He is batting .385, and fielding .919. To pick Miller, Dundon of Galveston, Naag of Dallas and Middleton of Houston would have to be cast aside. The men, should Miller not go, would probably be chosen in the order named.

Tullis, of Waco, Ena of Dallas and Firestone of San Antonio would probably be neck and neck for third base. Tullis would be the first choice on account of his ability to connect with the ball in tight places and that alone. The other two men are better fielders than he but his head work, energy in going after balls and his batting eye would decide in his favor.

Picking a pitcher would be almost as easy as picking the first baseman. There is not a man in the Texas league in the class with Hunter Hill of the Houston team. In case his duties as manager pressed on him, he would probably be chosen. The latter would be a valuable man to have along for he can play anywhere.

For left fieldman the fans would differ. The choice would lie among Downey of Oklahoma City, Mowry of Houston, Stinton of San Antonio and Rogers, San Antonio. The latter and Mowry of Houston there is nothing to choose. The reason Downey is picked in preference to Mowry is that the latter is reserved for utility player.

Northern of Houston would easily cop the place as center fielder. He is a swat artist as well as fast fielder and a heady player. Easy to get along with and always on the job. Thebe of Dallas and Stewart of Waco would be second and third choices but neither can properly be put in Northern's class.

Nine out of ten fans would pick Jolley of Fort Worth for right field. He is a heavy batter and a consistent fielder. He would have some close rivals, however, Melver of San Antonio and Jackson of Dallas being in his class. They would probably be chosen in the order named.

Picking pitchers would be a hard matter, for there are so many good ones. After considering the matter from every angle and granting that as many as five would be carried along they would rank in the following order: Hise, Galveston; McKay, Fort Worth; Burk, Fort Worth; Shonts, Dallas and Rogers, San Antonio. The latter has not been showing much lately and by the end of the season it might be that he would be left at home and Watson of Houston carried along.

The pitching staff of the Texas league this year has been an excellent one and five more pitchers almost as good as the ones named could be picked.

For utility player Mowry of Houston is selected on account of his ability to bat. He ought to be in the game every day.

A team constituted as above could give a good account of itself in the major leagues. I honestly believe that it would be the equal of the pennant winner in the American Association.

Texas has been seeing some very fast ball this season and the men who "make good" in this league are beginning to be recognized as good ball players.

The latest averages of the major leagues show that a Texan, Karger, leads all American league pitchers. His work this year has been sensational. The big left hander is twirling for the Boston team and is whipping all. He has pitched 12 games, winning 10 and

losing two. That gives him an average of .383.

Bender, the great twirler of the Philadelphia Athletics, is next. The Indian has pitched 18 games, winning 14, losing three and tying one.

Bailey, with the St. Louis Browns, is the only other Texas man to be pitching regularly. He has had a very bad off year. He has pitched 13 games, winning two, losing 10 and tying one. Yet St. Louis is swinging on to him. He is just past 27 and the indications are that he will yet round into form and be the wonder that he once was.

The ten highest pitchers are: Karger, Boston; Bender, Philadelphia; Harkness, Cleveland; Coombs, Philadelphia; Willett, Detroit; Donovan, Detroit; Smith, Boston; Ford, New York; Vaughan, New York and Waddell, St. Louis.

Waddell has just been restored to duty with the St. Louis team. He has been on the water wagon, riding it straight, for the past 30 days. He has only pitched three games during the season, of which he won two and lost one. He will be tried regularly now and if he does not stay in shape the tin can

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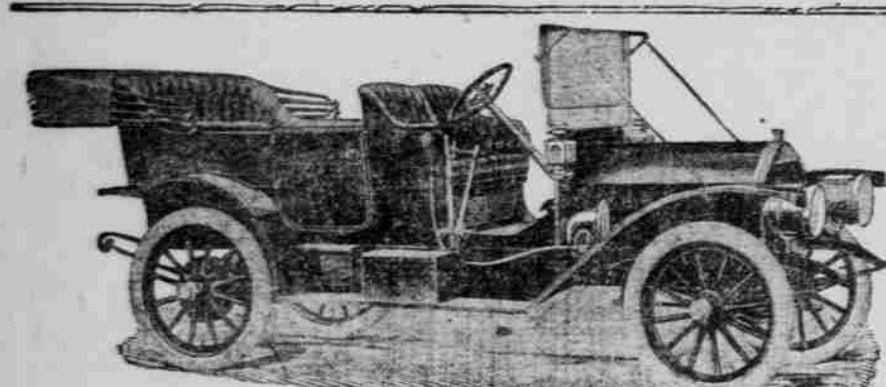


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